(e) whether Government also propose to restrict the entry of persons in railway stations who come to see off their relatives;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) A few stations which are required to handle additional traffic during festivities, melas and rallies tend to get overcrowded. These stations are mostly stations serving important towns and pilgrim centres.

(b) to (d) Expansion/Upgradation/modernization of railway stations and development of new terminals is a continuous process and the same is undertaken in accordance with laid down norms as per category of stations, traffic growth, *inter-se* priorities and availability of funds.

(e) to (g) Persons holding journey or platform tickets only are allowed to enter the platforms.

Repair of railway bridges

986. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have taken a decision to repair/reconstruct many railway bridges in Bihar and other States; which have outlived their life and are in a dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the amount of expenses thereon to be stared by the Centre and the States; and

(d) by when the work is likely to start and be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Indian Railways have well laid down multi-tier schedule of annual inspections of bridges and each bridge is inspected atleast once in a year. Based on the results of these inspections rebuilding/ rehabilitation of bridges is taken up on age-cum-condition basis.

The details of bridges are maintained Railway zone-wise and not State-wise. There are total 4886 bridges sanctioned for rehabilitation/ rebuilding as on 01.04.04 on Indian Railway covering 16 zonal Railways. Railway-wise details of sanctioned bridge works is given below. The work

of rehabilitation/rebuilding of Railway bridges is carried out at Railways own cost only. This is through internal generation and through General Budgetary support. These sanctioned works are at various stages of planning, designing and execution. 1629 Nos. of bridges are targeted for rehabilitation/rebuilding for the year 2004-05. Balance bridges are likely to be completed in next 4 to 5 years time.

Status of Railway Zone-wise sanctioned and targeted bridge works.

Railway	No. of Bridges sanctioned as on 1.4.04	Target during 2004-05 (No. of Bridges)
Central Railway	252	101
Eastern Railway	381	101
East Central Railway	238	82
East Coast Railway	89	64
Northern Railway	1114	351
North Centre Railway	100	59
North East Railway	64	37
North Frontier Railway	284	122
North West Railway	144	104
Southern Railway	354	62
South Central Railway	294	169
South East Railway	158	55
South East Central Railway	126	44
South Western Railway	52	16
Western Railway	917	140
West Central Railway	319	122
TOTAL:	4886	1629

High Speed Freight Train Corridors

987. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to set up dedicated high speed freight train corridors, alongside the Golden